



Elfyn Lewis *Bryn Eira*
Acrylic on MDF
61 x 61 cm



Elfyn Lewis *Nant Efa*
Acrylic on MDF
61 x 36 cm

Elfyn Lewis

Môr a Mynydd

3 July – 4 August 2021

&Gallery is delighted to present the exhibition *Môr a Mynydd*, the first solo exhibition by Welsh Artist Elfyn Lewis held at the Gallery. This show follows a three-person exhibition titled *Viewpoints* in March 2020 and presents a new collection of paintings produced over the last year.

Môr a Mynydd translates as Sea & Mountains and is a reference to Helen Frankenthaler's painting *Mountains and Sea*, 1952 which has inspired Elfyn. Titled after a seaside cliff visited by the artist, *Mountains and Sea* is one of her many abstractions that evoke memories of landscapes.

The sea and mountains are never far away for me, my work or my thoughts. My family home is surrounded by the sea and river. I love Frankenthaler's work, her use of colour and how she lets the paint flow. Just like her, I do like to think that the most important thing is the paint itself, the artist is somehow just the facilitator.

Elfyn's work is always technically challenging, he constantly experiments with different processes to best communicate his ideas. Always pushing to the limits of his medium, the Artist conveys a rare excitement and energy to his paintings and gives a sense of perpetual movement. These are physical paintings.

His love of place is a clear strand throughout his work which are, as he describes, *layered time after time until the upper layer explodes and transforms from its volcanic creation into a vivid landscape.*

Elfyn was born and grew up in Porthmadog. He now lives and works in Cardiff. Throughout his 25-year career he has won numerous awards and prizes for his paintings including the Gold Medal for Fine Art in the National Eisteddfod in 2009, and the prestigious Welsh Artist of the Year award in 2010.



Elfyn Lewis *Pwll yr Hwyaid*
Acrylic on MDF
23 x 26 cm

ELFYN LEWIS

EDUCATION

1999	P.G.C.E./Cert.Ed (PoCET) University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, Wales
1998	M.A Fine Arts, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, Wales
1992	B.A (Hons) Fine Art, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, England
1987	Diploma in Art Foundation, Gwynedd Technical College, Bangor, Wales

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021	'Môr a Mynydd', &Gallery, Edinburgh Elfyn Lewis, Ffin-y-Parc, Llanrwst, Wales
2020	Swyn, Gallery Ten, Cardiff, Wales
2019	Elfyn Lewis, Ffin-y-Parc, Llanrwst, Wales
2017	'Viewpoints', three persons exhibition, &Gallery, Edinburgh 'Brynhyfryd' - Oriol Canfas, Cardiff, Wales
2017	Elfyn Lewis - Ffin-y-Parc, Llanrwst, Wales
2016	'Hiraethu' - Oriol Deg I Gallery Ten, Cardiff, Wales
2015	Elfyn Lewis - Robin Partington & Partners, London, England
2015	'Aderyn Papur' - Galeri, Caernarfon, Wales
2015	Elfyn Lewis - Ffin-y-Parc, Llanrwst, Wales
2014	'Atgofion Melys' - MOMA Cymru I Wales, Y Tabernacl, Machynlleth, Wales
2014	'Camgymeriad Hardd' - Oriol Deg I Gallery Ten, Cardiff, Wales
2013	'Arianrhod' - Oriol Ynys Môn, Llangefni, Ynys Môn, Wales
2012	'Grisiau Môr' - Ffin y Parc, Llanrwst, Wales
2011	'Seibiant' - Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold, Wales
2010	'Bylchau' - St Davids Hall, Cardiff, Wales
2009	Festival Interceltique de Lorient, Lorient, France
2005	'Moelfra' - Rhyl Library, Museum and Art Gallery, Rhyl, Wales
2005	'Eryri' - National Eisteddfod of Wales Eryri & District - Artist/Curator
2004	'Frank' - Harding House Gallery, Lincoln, England
2003	'Bern' - Oriol Ynys Môn, Llangefni, Ynys Môn, Wales (touring show)
2002	'Gerlan' - University of Wales School of Art Gallery and Museum, Aberystwyth, Wales
2001	'Pyrgad' - Studio 8 Gallery, Ruthun Craft Centre, Wales (touring show)
2001	Rotherham Arts Centre, Rotherham, England

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021	4 th Anniversary Exhibition, &Gallery, Edinburgh 'Tiny yet Mighty', &Gallery, Edinburgh
2020	Winter exhibition - &Gallery, Edinburgh
2017	'Construct' - &Gallery, Edinburgh 'Connection' - &Gallery, Edinburgh Aelodau Newydd I New Members - Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, Wales
2016	Lowri Davies I Elfyn Lewis - Oriol Canfas, Cardiff, Wales

2015	'The Seed of its Opposite' - Kelvin College, Glasgow, Scotland
2015	'Summer' - Beaux Arts, London, England
2015	'Trwy Wahoddiad I By Invitation' - Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, Wales
2015	'Patagonia 150' - Oriel Plas Glyn-y-Weddw, Llanbedrog, Wales
2015	'Hâf I Summer' - Gallery Ten, Cardiff, Wales
2014	'Summertime' - Beaux Arts, London, England
2014	'Aur' Gold Medal Winners (last ten years) - Wales Millennium Centre, Wales
2013	'Gallery Artists' - Beaux Arts, London, England
2013	'Elfyn Lewis I Menna Angharad - Oriel Deg I Gallery Ten, Cardiff, Wales
2012	'Summer Exhibition 2013' - Beaux Arts, London, England
2012	Royal Academy of Arts, Summer Show 2012 - Royal Academy of Arts, London, England
2011	'Summer Exhibition 2011' - Beaux Arts, London, England
2010	'We Have The Mirrors, We Have The Plans' - Mostyn, Llandudno, Wales
2009	The Welsh Artist of the Year, St Davids Hall, Cardiff, Wales
2008	'Shared Ground' - Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine, Scotland

AWARDS

2013	The Aesthetica Art Prize Exhibition – York St Mary's, York, England (long listed)
2012	Awarded Individual Production Grant - Arts Council of Wales
2010	Winner, Welsh Artist of the Year - St David's Hall Cardiff, Wales
2009	Awarded Individual Production Grant - Arts Council of Wales
2009	CASW Purchase Prize, National Eisteddfod of Wales, Meirion & District
2009	Gold Medal winner, National Eisteddfod of Wales, Meirion & District
2004	Winner of the Focal Purchase Prize, Focal Visual Arts Festival, Ruthin, Wales
2003	Production and Audience Development Award, Arts Council of Wales
	Winner of the Warren Morris Perpetual Cup - Oriel Ynys Môn, Llangefni, Wales
	Career Development Grant, Arts Council of Wales - travel grant, New York, U.S.A.
1996	Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, Wales (award winner young contemporaries under 35)